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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant	ALFIT AG			
- 1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.				
2. This REPORT consists of a total of	sheets, includi	ng this cover s	heet.	
This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).				
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II Priority				
III Non-establishment	of opinion with regard to novelt	y, inventive st	ep and industrial applicability	
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V Reasoned statement citations and explan	V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement			
VI Certain documents of	VI Certain documents cited			
VII Certain defects in the	VII Certain defects in the international application			
VIII Certain observations on the international application				
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I. Basis of the report						
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the in	2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:					
	the lang	uage of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under I	Rule 23.1(b)).			
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3. With preli	With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international reliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:					
	containe	d in the international application in written form.				
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4.	The am	endments have resulted in the cancellation of:				
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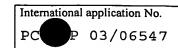
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v. 	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-9	YES
		Claims		NO NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	. 1-9	YES
		Claims		NO NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
		Claims		NO

- 2. Citations and explanations
 - 1. Reference is made to the following document: D1: AT 360 699 B (BLUM GMBH JULIUS) 26 January 1981 (1981-01-26)
 - 2. Document D1 (page 3, line 4 to page 4, line 11; figure 8), which is considered the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, discloses (the references in parentheses relate to said document) a telescopic guide from which the subject matter of claim 1 differs in that at least some of the rollers that are mounted so as to rotate about the horizontal axis are arranged laterally offset to one another in the direction of their longitudinal central axes in the associated cage, relative to other rollers that are mounted so as to rotate in the same cage about the horizontal axis and roll on the same runners.
 - 3. The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).
 - 4. The problem addressed by the present invention can therefore be considered that of reducing the load on the runners.

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- 5. Offset rollers that are mounted in the same cage are a common solution (see, for example, D1). Offset rollers which roll on the same runners are not, however, disclosed or suggested in any of the search report citations. The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).
- 6. Claims 2 to 9 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and (3).
- 7. The subject matter of the present international application appears to be industrially applicable (PCT Article 33(4)).